

of the Division, on duty at the Adjutant-General's office in this city, to direct the movements of the National Guard.

Col. Elliott expects to have every regiment in the strike territory before midnight. The guard will be distributed by regiments over the anthracite regions.

The canvas and the other camp equipment for the soldiers was loaded on a special train last night, and will be sent to the strike territory as soon as Col. Elliott disposes of the troops.

### ORDERS GIVEN TO THE TROOPS.

The formal order of Major Miller disposing of the National Guard in the various counties affected by the strike says:

"The division is hereby ordered on duty in the counties of Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Northumberland and Columbia, to see that all men who desire to work, and their families, have ample protection. \* \* \* Protect all trains and other property from unlawful interference. \* \* \* arrest all persons engaging in acts of violence and intimidation and hold them under guard until their release will not endanger the public peace. \* \* \* see that threats, intimidation, assaults and all acts of violence cease at once. \* \* \* the public peace and good order will be preserved upon all occasions. \* \* \* and that no interference whatsoever will be permitted with officers and men in the discharge of their duties."

### OPERATORS IN SESSION IN THIS CITY TO-DAY.

There is not any food or drink famine at the meeting of the coal operators this afternoon.

While a hundred and fifty thousand miners in the coal fields of Pennsylvania are tightening their belts to ward off hunger, the men who are fighting them were having their meeting-room stocked with food and drink of the finest.

The meeting is in rooms Nos. 705 and 706 in the Jersey Central Building, No. 143 Liberty street. This is President Baer's private office when he is in New York.

A reporter who called to see him to-day found waiters carting in all sorts of rare fruits, cases of wine and quarts of whiskey. Judging from this aspect the magnates certainly ought to take a good-natured view of the situation before they get through.

### PRESIDENT BAER FIRST TO ARRIVE.

The first of the operators to arrive was Mr. Baer. He got in from Philadelphia at 9 o'clock, but did not show up at his office until after noon.

He was followed shortly by John Markle, the representative of the independent operators; President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; Chairman Thomas, of the Erie; President Fowler, of the Ontario and Western, and President Olyphant, of the Delaware and Hudson.

They all sat down to the luncheon which had been prepared and began to talk over the situation informally.

### THE CONFERENCE ENDS.

The conference of the coal operators in the New Jersey Central Building came to a close a little after 3 o'clock this afternoon. No formal statement, as to the result of their deliberations was given out, and an effort was made by the conferees to escape from the building without being asked questions by the waiting newspaper men.

What little they did say was to the effect that they would do all in their power to open the mines and relieve the coal famine, but they were far from enthusiastic as to the outlook. In fact, from a remark let fall by President Baer, of the Reading, it looked as though they were preparing to admit defeat.

As he was coming out of the meeting he was asked what he thought of the action of Gov. Stone in calling out all the Pennsylvania militia.

"It should have been done four months ago," he said sharply. "It would have been more effective."

"Do you mean to say that the Governor was tardy?"

"I didn't say that," he answered.

Another of the coal Presidents made the same remark about the lateness of Gov. Stone's order this morning before going into the conference, and this is taken to mean that the operators fear it is now too late to do any good.

President Olyphant, of the Delaware and Hudson, said when he came out that the public could depend on the operators doing everything possible to get coal for them. When he was asked if the presence of the troops would mean that all the mines would be running soon he said:

"I can tell you more about that later. We trust that the miners will go back to work."

### MITCHELL ATTENDS MEETING IN BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, Oct. 7.—John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers, accompanied by District Presidents T. D. Nichols, Thomas Duffy and John Fahy, arrived in Buffalo over the Lehigh Valley Railroad to-day.

President Mitchell was asked: "Is there anything in sight which seems to promise a solution of the present difficulty?"

"Nothing that I know of, but I will say this much with reference to the mobilization of the troops of Pennsylvania this morning and that is that all the troops in the country cannot force the miners to return to work."

"Will you say anything about your conference in Philadelphia with Commissioner Wright?"

"Absolutely nothing."

The committee appointed by President D. M. Parry, of the National Association

### TWO CITY DEPARTMENTS FAIL TO GET COAL.

For ten days the Fire Department has been advertising in the City Record for bids for 500 tons of anthracite coal to be delivered to the Department at various times and places in the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. The bids were to have been opened this morning, but not a single bidder appeared.

An inventory of coal at the various engine houses shows that some of the

engine companies have on hand as many as fifty tons, though others had little more than what were required for their immediate needs. It will be distributed more evenly among the engine companies. The fires will be kept going on the fireboats. It is said, no matter how it is to be done.

The Dock Department called for bids to be furnished to-day for 2,000 tons of anthracite coal. No bids were received.

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